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SUBJECT: IMPORTS OF WHEAT FROM U.S.

1. AS YOU KNOW FY-76 TITLE I PL 480 FIGURE AS INDICATED IN AID'S CONGRESSIONAL PRESENTATION FOR MOROCCO IS 100,000 TONS WHEAT, AND THE CURRENT PLANNING FIGURE FOR CCC CREDIT PROGRAM IS UP TO DOLS. 35 MILLION. THESE FIGURES COULD BE ADJUSTED EITHER DIRECTION IN RESPONSE CHANGED CIRCUMSTANCES.

2. WITH WORLD WHEAT STOCKS CONTINUING RATHER LOW INTO 1975/76 AND WITH CONTINUING RISK OF SOME CROP REVERSAL SUCH AS IN USSR, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW OVERALL PURCHASE PLANS FOR AS MANY COUNTRIES AS POSSIBLE SO WE CAN TAKE ACCOUNT OF THEIR NEEDS IF TIGHTER SITUATION SHOULD REAPPEAR LATER IN 1975/76. BARRING SOME MAJOR CROP REVERSAL, U.S. NOW FACING LIKELIHOOD OF SUBSTANTIAL STOCK BUILDUP, LOWERING OF DOMESTIC PRICES, AND LOSS OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE UNLESS AVAILABLE TITLE I AND PARTICULARLY CCC CREDIT AUTHORITY IS USED WHERE ITS IMPACT ON TOTAL

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PURCHASES FROM U.S. WILL BE GREATEST. EVEN IN THIS LATTER

SITUATION, OUR ABILITY TO INCREASE CCC CREDIT OR PL 480  
WOULD DEPEND ON AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS.

3. IN CONNECTION WITH ASSESSING MOROCCO'S WHEAT IMPORT  
NEEDS AND THE PROSPECTIVE TOTAL QUANTITY THAT MAY BE  
IMPORTED FROM THE U.S., YOU ARE REQUESTED TO PROVIDE  
US WITH BEST JUDGEMENT AS TO (A) THE MINIMUM QUANTITY OF  
WHEAT MOROCCO WILL WANT TO IMPORT DURING FY 1976 FROM  
NON-U.S. ORIGINS (INCLUDING CASH, CONCESSIONAL, BARTER,  
CLEARING ACCOUNT AND CREDIT PURCHASES) AND (B) PORTIONS  
OF THAT QUANTITY BY COUNTRY ORIGIN FOR WHICH THERE ARE  
ALREADY PURCHASE COMMITMENTS OR AGREEMENTS.

4. BEGIN FYI - OUR PRINCIPAL PURPOSE FOR ASKING ABOVE  
QUESTION IS TO BETTER ASSESS THE TOTAL MARKET FOR U.S.  
WHEAT IN MOROCCO, RELYING ESSENTIALLY ON COUNTRY TEAM'S  
JUDGMENT NOT REPEAT NOT TO INITIATE DIALOGUE WITH  
GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO WHICH COULD LEAD TO A COMMITMENT  
OR UNDUE EXPECTATIONS. THEREFORE ANY DISCUSSIONS WITH  
GOVERNMENT OF MOROCCO SHOULD BE OF GENERAL NATURE WHICH  
WOULD NOT REPEAT NOT PREJUDICE OR RESTRICT ANY FURTHER  
DISCUSSIONS. END FYI.  
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